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## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 11th, the passage of bills from the calendar occupied the time until 2 o'clock, the remainder of the day being spent in executive session over the French extradition treaty. In the house the whole session was devoted to the further consideration of the sundry civil bill. The general debate was closed.

In the senate, on the 12th, the naval appropriation bill was considered and disposed of until the clause to increase the navy and for the proposed new battleships was reached, when discussion on these disputed matters was postponed, and the senate went into executive session. In the house consideration of the sundry civil bill was continued. About twenty-five pages being covered. Provisions inserted by the committee on appropriations that articles imported for use of the light-house establishment and the National museum should be admitted free of duty were stricken out on points of order made by Mr. Burrows, republican, of Michigan, that they were not material and did not reduce expenses and changed existing laws.

In the senate, on the 13th, Senators Sherman and Cockrell gave emphatic warning against the prevailing extravagance of appropriations. Messrs. Gorman and others made notable speeches on the proposed amendments to the naval appropriation bill, for the continuance of the work of reconstructing the navy. In the house the entire day was spent in filibustering against a private bill, which came over as unfinished business from the 4th, and therefore was entitled to consideration. It was a bill for the relief of the heirs of H. H. and Charlotte K. Sibley and has occupied the attention of the house for several successive days.

The senate was not in session on the 14th. In the house, in his opening prayer, the chaplain referred solemnly to the death of Senator Barbour. After the reading of the journal, the announcement of Senator Barbour's death was followed by the appointment of a committee of twelve to attend the funeral, and as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

In the senate, on the 16th, no business was transacted except such as was incident to the funeral services of the late John Barbour, of Virginia. In the house the session was interrupted by the funeral services of the late Senator Barbour, which were held in the senate chamber, headed by Speaker Crisp. The house returned at 1:10 and proceeded with the consideration of the sundry civil bill, and covered ten pages in committee of the whole and then adjourned.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Childs-Drexel home for aged and indigent persons was formally dedicated, in the presence of an immense throng of visitors, at Colorado Springs, Col., on the 12th.

The president has under consideration the selection of the two arbitrators to represent the United States in the settlement of the Behring sea question. The indications are that one of the arbitrators will be from the United States supreme bench, with the chances strongly in favor of the selection of Mr. Justice Harlan. It is said that the president has indicated to the two arbitrators to be from the United States, and that he has practically consented to serve.

H. L. Scott, representing a Philadelphia syndicate, has succeeded in getting a bond on the Miller, O'Brien & Connors group of tin mines at Bear Gulch, eighteen miles northwest of Deadwood, S. D. Some of the mines are well developed, one of them, the Cleveland, showing a 60-foot body of ore carrying cassiterite in paying quantity. Mr. Scott announces his syndicate will put up a plant capable of treating 500 tons of ore a day.

During the pyrotechnic exhibition on the Mississippi at St. Louis, on the night of the 11th, in connection with the A. O. U. W. celebration, Mattie Stoffel and an unknown man were crowded from wharftops into the river and were drowned.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANSMAKER has received an unsigned and undated letter containing \$10,000. In his letter the writer says: "This is the balance of interest I owe of the sum I took from the government in 1885. I have now paid principal and interest, in all \$17,700. No man has suffered more for slavery than I have, and I now pay the Lord's forgiveness for my sin."

A COMPANY has been organized for the construction of one of the largest artificial reservoirs in the world. The site taken is the Box canyon, 400 yards below the junction of Tonto creek and Salt river, in Arizona. The height of the dam is to be 300 feet, and the backwater will extend sixteen miles to the Silver Lake mountains, making capacity, according to report of the civil engineer, of 103,058,940 cubic feet of water.

Mrs. NANCY CHRISTY, colored, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birth at Harrisburg, Pa., on the 12th. She was born in Mercersburg, Franklin county, May 11, 1792, and married her husband in Harrisburg in 1818. Until her death she worked on a farm near Mercersburg, and attended school in the winter. Mrs. Christy has been blind for the past four years.

By HON. J. W. LOWTHER, parliamentary officer under secretary for the British foreign office, said in the house of commons, on the 13th, that the report of Carroll D. Wright upon the effects of the McKinley tariff would be placed in the library of the house of commons as soon as received from America.

JOHN BORTCHER, an aged German resident, committed suicide at Wilkes-barre, Pa., on the 12th, by shooting. Two months ago he sold a small farm for a nominal sum. A week before his suicide a coal was discovered on the land, which increased its value to \$15,000. The discovery of this fact so preyed on his mind that he became partially insane.

An English firm has bought an acre of land, two blocks from the Singer works at Elizabethport, N. J., for the manufacture of axminster and wilton carpets and rugs of the finest quality.

The steamer Comenough, bearing flour, grain and provisions from America, destined for the famine sufferers of Russia, arrived in Riga yesterday at midnight of the 12th. At 3 a. m. the work of discharging the vessel began, being pushed as rapidly as possible.

On the 13th Frederick Allen, colored, aged 105 years, died at Richmond, Ind. It is claimed he was the oldest citizen of Indiana. He came west in 1815 from Virginia, and often related his observations of George Washington, whom he personally knew.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### Rewards for Taney County Murderers.

Gov. Francis has issued the following proclamation: George T. Williams, deputy sheriff of Taney county, was murdered at Forsyth by a body of armed men whilst attempting, in the discharge of his duty, to protect a prisoner from mob violence. The prisoner, John W. Bright, was immediately thereafter forcibly taken from the Taney county jail at Forsyth and hanged. By virtue of authority vested in me, I, David R. Francis, governor of Missouri, do hereby offer a reward of \$500 each for the apprehension of the parties, either as principals or accessories, in the perpetration of these murders. Said rewards will be paid upon conviction.

### Found Dead Beside a Hotel Table.

W. M. Lemon, proprietor of the Troy (O.) nurseries, died suddenly at the St. Charles hotel in St. Joseph. Not appearing at the breakfast table in the morning, a boy was sent to his room. Repeated raps brought no response, and when the messenger entered the room he found Lemon sitting at a table upon which lay an unfinished letter to his wife. An examination revealed that the man had been dead six or eight hours.

### Paying Pensioners.

Five or six hundred pensioners were in line in St. Louis the other day, stretching from the door of the sub-treasury to the pavement below and filling all the corridors of the federal building from 9 o'clock in the morning to 3 in the afternoon. Something over \$250,000 were paid out to them. The crowd was so great that special police had to be detailed to keep the line straight and orderly.

### Backlog General Merchants Paid.

The firm of R. Hunter & Bro., general merchandise and stock dealers, at Rockport, has failed. The liabilities are estimated at \$75,000, and assets at about \$40,000. This is one of the oldest firms in the west, having been in business since 1855. The failure is attributed to losses in stock deals. Several wholesale houses of St. Joseph have recently, as well as banks and citizens of Rockport.

### Shocked by Lightning.

Tim Gallivan, section foreman; Marlin Crain, a switchman; and Pat Sheehan, a section man, occupants of a railroad shanty at Sedalia, were severely injured during a recent storm, lightning striking the shanty. Gallivan's injuries are likely to prove fatal, but the other two men will recover.

### King's Daughters and Sons.

Much interest is being manifested in the first state convention of King's Daughters and Sons to be held at Portville Springs in August next, and the bureau of information in St. Louis is receiving inquiries from all parts of the state in relation to the arrangements.

### County Officers' Society.

An effort is being made looking to the organization of a society composed of the officers of the various counties of the state, and circulars to that end are being mailed from Sedalia by Circuit Clerk Fowler and County Recorder Pilkington.

### A Queer Mixture.

Susie Clark, a handsome-looking woman of about 25, attempted suicide at St. Joseph, a few days since, by swallowing red dye and a box of mercurial ointment. The mixture made her very sick. Her lover had deserted her.

### Acts as a Stay.

George Schaeffer, alias "Crazy George," who was to have been hanged in St. Louis, May 20, will get a new lease of life, having taken an appeal to the supreme court. He killed Henry Gratton in January, 1890.

### Executive Appointment.

Joseph J. Russell, of Mississippi county, has been appointed by Gov. Francis to fill a vacancy in the board of managers of the Fulton lunatic asylum. His commission will expire February 1, 1893.

### Took "Rough on Rats."

Peter Gannon, with a wife and two children, made an effort in St. Louis recently, which has probably proved successful, to shift his responsibility by the aid of a dose of "Rough on Rats."

### State University Insurance Paid.

The insurance companies have paid the insurance on the burned university buildings at Columbia. The insurance was \$150,000, and the companies paid \$140,577, there being some salvage.

### Memorial Day.

Arrangements for the observance of memorial day in St. Louis are practically completed. Gen. A. J. Smith will be grand marshal, assisted by Col. Nelson Cole and Col. John R. Gandolfo.

### A Fine Church Building.

At Sedalia the other day the cornerstone was laid for the Sacred Heart Catholic church. The building will be erected this year at a cost of \$40,000.

## OF GENERAL INTEREST.

### "There exists in some parts of South Dakota, Colorado and Texas a singular variety of grass called the 'sleazy grass.'"

When in a fresh green state, this plant is strongly charged with narcotic propensities, so much so that horses and cattle grazing it are thrown into profound sleep.

Forty-eight tons of supplies were hauled from Berlin Falls, N. H., to Danforth's Camp, a sportsman's resort at Lake Parnachene, Me., this season, at an expense of \$1,000. The tenters who visit Parnachene live high, and some of them have a sweet tooth for 600 pounds of candy disappeared there last year.

There is now imported into this country a peculiar vegetable material from Oran, an Algerian seaport on the Mediterranean sea. The fiber of this substance possesses the quality of being so elastic that it can be used as a substitute for springs, and the like in the manufacture of furniture beds and seats.

The Arkansas world's fair board has selected ten acres near Little Rock which it will have cultivated with the view of raising various agricultural products for exhibit at the exhibition. The board has made arrangements to send to Chicago for the forestry building specimens of pine, white oak, red oak, sweet gum, cypress and walnut.

Sixty-five years ago Elias Evison, of Marion, Ill., became a husband, and lived happily with his wife until four years ago, when she became alarmingly ill. She was of the same age as himself—eighty-five. He earnestly prayed that he might die first. His wish was granted, and he died seated in a chair while watching at her bedside. Two days later she breathed her last.

Near Olympia, Wash., is a well that is coming gradually to the surface. It is between twenty and thirty feet in depth. For some time the brick wall of the well has been protruding through the ground, until now it sticks up the air like a funnel to the height of ten or fifteen feet. The bricks are undisturbed, and the well is intact. The bottom of the well, too, is rising with the wall.

To make a spool of thread the very best sea island cotton is used. This is taken in the raw state and torn to pieces by a machine called a breaker. It is freed from its impurities by several other machines, after which it is taken up by a "spinner" and twisted into soft yarn. Several strands of this are twisted into one fine thread; three of these are then twisted together, making the six-strand thread, which, after being bleached, is ready to sell.

It has been said that two queen-bees will not live under the same roof. This is disputed by some bee-keepers, who claim that in large hives there have been independent colonies, neither molesting the other. This, however, is exceptional, and not by any means desirable. Bees sometimes fight, and with very disastrous results. About four quarts of bees were found dead in and about a hive after a battle which occurred in the summer of 1891.

A number of owners of steam yachts in New York intend to utilize them to transport themselves and their friends to the Columbian exposition by way of the St. Lawrence and Welland canal. They believe it will be of great advantage to live aboard their yachts, and thus be independent of crowded hotels. It is reported that the owners of many steam barges in Canada will fit them with comfortable quarters, and carry Canadian visitors to and from the fair.

There are laws in most of the states forbidding the practice of medicine without a diploma. The penalty is fine, imprisonment, or both, depending on the nature and repetition of the offense. A doctor with a diploma can practice anywhere he pleases unless under special local restrictions. In some places it is allowable for a man to place "doctor" before his name, but he is not "doctored" to place "M. D." after his name unless he has the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

A Detroit man has a novel walking cane that represents the work of odd hours every day for six weeks. It is made of old postage stamps of various denominations and six nationalities—United States, Canadian, English, French, German and Italian. The face value of the stamps was \$106. The surface of the cane, when the stamps were all on, was filed smooth and finished until it glared. A heavy gold knob completes one of the handsomest and most unique canes ever seen in Detroit.

Concerning Rev. E. E. Hale's statement that while George Washington was a great gambler prior to his marriage "there is not a single line-letter extant written by him," The Richmond Dispatch says: "We are under the impression that ex-Gov. Fitz Lee has in his possession the initial number of what might have been a series of love-letters from Washington, but the lady to whom or about whom this was written is said to have rejected George because he had big hands and feet, or because he entered a room awkwardly, or for some equally good reason, and hence the correspondence was soon terminated."

### Escaping Arms in a Car.

Some fifty years ago a very high English official died in a fortress at a place that is one of the centers of Brahminic orthodoxy, and at the moment when the news of his death reached the sepoy guard at the main gate a black cat rushed out of it. The guard presented arms to the cat as a salute to the dying spirit, the powerful Englishman, and the coincidence took so firm a hold of the locality that up to a few years ago neither exhortation nor orders could prevent a Hindoo sentry at that gate from presenting arms to any cat that passed out at night. Chicago Ledger.

### Slightly Poisoned.

Quite a number of guests were slightly poisoned at a hotel in St. Louis the other day. Physicians say the poison was in something eaten for supper.

### Death of a Pioneer.

James Simmons, aged 87 years, died at Sedalia of old age. He was one of central Missouri's pioneers, and had resided in Sedalia twenty-five years.

## THE AGE OF ORGANIZATION.

### New Boarder—Well well! This is the first place I've struck where they have preserved strawberries and peach jam instead of stewed prunes.

Old Boarder—All owing to organization, my boy. Us boarders have a mutual protective association, with iron clad rules and heavy penalties. "Oh, ho! You kicked against prunes, did you?"

"Not much we didn't. We passed a law that whenever prunes came on the table every member should eat a quart or pay \$10 fine. That settled it. The landlady found prunes too expensive."

### Theatrical Note.

A Fifth Avenue lady at the opera said to her escort: "I wish you would shut the door. I shall take cold from this double draught."

"Double draught! I do not see where a double draught could come from," observed the gentleman.

"Why, sir, don't see! It blows from the door; and don't you see that fellow on the stage blowing, too?"—Texas Siftings.

### A Lapse of Memory.

Tom—She seemed infatuated with you and she refused you? Dick—Yes.

Tom—Wonder if your declaration was ancient enough.

Dick—Well, I told her she was the only woman I had ever loved.

Tom—You forgot that you were a widower.

Dick—By Jove! that's a fact.—Judge.

### A Case of Necessity.

Van Bloomer—I understand that you have bought a cottage at the seashore for this summer.

De Tootville—I bought two, side by side.

Van Bloomer—What do you want two for, with your small family?

De Tootville—One is for my wife's trunk.—Cleveland Review.

## BEFORE AND AFTER.

### Worse Than Horse Races.

Blinkers—Why is it your friend Winkers is always down at the heel? Does he lose his money on horse races?

Dinkers—He never bets on a horse race. He loses his money on the human race.

"He has nine children,"—N. Y. Week.

### Disappointed Colonel.

Disappointed Colonel—I expected, captain, that the general would send me men of experience for this expedition. I wanted an officer to lead men who have seen service—I dare say you never led anything.

Captain—I led the German last summer at Newport.—Brooklyn Life.

### Not Troublesome.

Servant—This room will be rented only to an artist.

Room Hunter—And why not to another man?

Servant—Because artists are less troublesome—they never want their room put in order.—Once a Week.

### Took the Wind Out of His Sails.

Wages to young nation with the perambulator.—Good morning, Mrs. Perambulator! Are you taking the son out for an airing, or the heir out for a sailing?

Mrs. Perambulator—Neither, Mr. Wages. Baby is a girl.—Life.

### Hard to Sell.

"The play last night wasn't realistic enough for me."

"What was the trouble?"

"You know that chap who was killed in the third act?"

"Yes."

"Well, I saw him on the street this morning."—Puck.

### A Good Investment.

"It has cost you a good deal to put your son through college?"

"Yes."

"Do you think it is likely to pay you?"

"Well, I expect so. He has already received one offer from a professional baseball club."—N. Y. Press.

### One Thing Sure.

Sympathetic Mother—I can't understand why you should have so much trouble with your wife. Perhaps she only married you to please her parents.

Son—Not much. She ain't that kind.

—N. Y. Weekly.

### It Was Enough.

"Only one word, Gaius!" he pleaded. "One little word!"

The young woman looked at the slender-shanked youth on his knees before her, and she opened her beautiful lips and softly said:

"Rats!"—Chicago Tribune.

### A Useful Mirror.

Little Nell—What does the organist at our church have a looking-glass fixed over his head on the organ for?

Little Dick—I guess that's so he can tell the choir when the minister is looking.—Good News.

### Cause and Effect.

He owed me thirty-three dollars. And afterward denied it.

That's why the creditor's jury was called in to decide it.

—Jurg.

### A Thing Apart.

Miss A.—I find you friend quite entertaining—when he forgets himself. Is he an American or an Englishman?

Miss B.—Neither. He's a Bostonian.

—Brooklyn Life.

## HE DROPPED THE TICKETS.

### An Incident in the Entrance of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Tickets for the Brooklyn Bridge railway are sold in lots of ten, no reduction by the quantity. That is to say, ten tickets cost twenty-five cents, and multiples of ten cannot be bought for anything less than an equal number of multiples of twenty-five.

When purchased, the tickets are attached to each other and numbered from one to ten, and are attached to a card. John Phoenix said of the horse that would not run away with the wagon he was drawing—but so as to be easily detached by the application of a little muscular force through the thumb and forefinger.

Many bridge travelers find it most convenient to tear off a single ticket each time they wish to use one. Others, as soon as they purchase a package, proceed to destroy the "tie that binds," and then, by means of a rubber band, keep the loose tickets from straying into out-of-the-way corners of their pockets.

It was one of the latter who arrived at the Brooklyn entrance one day last week when there was more than the usual allowance of mud to be trod upon. Thousands of hurrying feet had carried a large quantity of the mud inside the station and heaped up a terminal moraine close to the ticket-boxes.

The traveler just mentioned approached with the haste characteristic of a Brooklyn man having his office in New York, and just before reaching the ticket box thrust his hand into his waistcoat pocket for a ticket.

In fact, he got several. And he got more than he bargained for. The next moment he was gazing with fearful eyes—as the novel-writers say—upon a dozen or more tickets reposing within the space of a square yard upon the mud-decorated flooring.

There was nothing for it but to stoop down and gather up the scattered and bedraggled tickets went on. When only two or three remained to be gathered up an idea occurred to him. He slapped his thigh vigorously, and with a loud gasp exclaimed:

"We don't charge you anything for the mud!"

That was the last straw. The man with the red face uttered a smothered exclamation—it would have been an imprecation loud as well as deep but for the proximity of a number of women just entering the station—dropped one of the muddy tickets in the box and rushed up the stairs two steps at a time.

At the top he paused. His face was redder than when he had been taking a muddy ticket near the ticket-box. He gingerly bunched the soiled tickets together, and then, wrapping them in bit of paper, returned them to his pocket.

"I'd like to see myself do that again!" he said under his breath, as he stepped aboard the train and resumed his journey to New York.—N. Y. Tribune.

## RUED HIS BARGAIN.

### The Man Who Bought a Building at Half Price.

An excited young man, dislocated the bell-knob beside the door of a dog fancier's store on Ninth street the other evening by a vigorous jerk, some time after the proprietor had retired for the night, and performed a lively reel on the pavement to keep his blood in circulation while he was waiting admittance.

"Hello!" he said, when a window above was raised and a nightcap head appeared. "Are you the man who runs this store?"

A gruff reply in the affirmative came from the second story.

"Well, then, hustle 'round and get ready to come out to my house in the country. I'm the fellow who bought the eight dollar bargain bulldog from you this morning, and I'm not satisfied with the deal at all."

"How's that?" demanded the dealer in canine sagacity, leaning farther out of the window so as to get a good look at the other. "Doesn't he suit you?"

"No, he don't," the young man said, promptly, "and I'll be willing to part with him without any consideration at all. You remember I paid for him and ordered him to be sent out to my house by one of your men, don't you?"

"That's all right."

"Well, that foolish-minded assistant of yours found the family out, and he tied the bloodthirsty brute to the front-door knob, and say—"

"Well?"

"He's there yet, that's all, and my wife has been spending the evening with the neighbors. I don't like to disturb him myself, although I'd like to get in the house so as to assist my mother-in-law off the end of the porch. If you'll come out and get the dog I'll be very—"

A noise, which sounded suspiciously like a chuckle, came from above and interrupted the speaker as the window was shut down. Then the young man proceeded with the intricate steps of the red-tile he awaited the appearance of the dog-dealer, occasionally varying the performance by audible expressions of sentiments regarding mangled-down bulldogs that could only be represented here in long blank lines.

—Philadelphia Times.

"I see most of your hair is gone," said Brown to Burton. "Yes," replied Burton. "It's left for parts unknown."

—Kite Field's Washington.

## CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD.

### Omaha leaves Jefferson City, 7:30 a. m. every day except Sunday, connecting with the train leaving Cedar City at 8 a. m. and which makes prompt connection at Mexico with all trains going east, west or north.

A. P. GRIMSHAW, Ticket Agent.

## PACIFIC RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

### WESTWARD.

No. 1, Day Express. Arrives 1:00 p. m. Leaves 1:20 p. m.  
No. 3, Through Express. Arrives 12:28 a. m. Leaves 12:48 a. m.  
No. 5, Local Passenger. Arrives 12:30 p. m. Leaves 12:45 p. m.  
No. 9, Texas Express. Arrives 2:10 a. m. Leaves 2:30 a. m.  
Freight, carries passengers. Leaves 9:25 a. m.

### EASTWARD.

No. 2, Day Express. Arrives 2:40 p. m. Leaves 2:55 p. m.  
No. 4, Through Express. Arrives 2:10 a. m. Leaves 2:30 a. m.  
No. 6, Local Passenger. Arrives 1:30 p. m. Leaves 1:45 p. m.  
Freight, carries passengers. Leaves 1:20 p. m.  
Local passenger trains 5 and 6 run between St. Louis and Kansas City. Three sections of night train east. Texas express, No. 9, has through chair car via Lexington branch. Free reclining chair cars on all through trains.

### LEAVENWORTH BRANCH.

Trains leave Jefferson City at 6:30 a. m., arriving at Leavenworth at 9:30 a. m.

Returning, will leave Leavenworth at 11:30 p. m., arriving at Jefferson City at 2:30 p. m.

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Without change via the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific railways in Pullman Tourist Sleeping cars leaving St. Louis daily at 8:15 p. m. Only \$3.75 for double berth, St. Louis to Portland.

## It is Truthfully Said.

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